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Sir:

Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation  
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventors: Hamilton, et al.

For: System and Method for Collecting and Restoring User Environment Data Using Removable Storage

Enclosed are:

- Amendment and Response to Office Action (7 pages)
- Rule 1.131 Declaration of Rick Allen Hamilton II and Exhibit thereto (9 pages)
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**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 12, 2004 with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

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